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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. SOLDACZUK TOLD BOUTIN NOV. 9 THAT THE POLES REMAIN WILLING TO ACCEPT A PRE-COMMISSION TEAM ANYTIME AFTER NOV. 14, BUT SOLDACZUK SAID THAT HIS PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT LITTLE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE THE COMMISSION MEETING BECAUSE THE POLISH SIDE WILL NEED TO TRANSLATE AND CIRCULATE THE AGREEMENTS BEFORE SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS CAN BEGIN. WE AGREE WITH SOLDACZUK'S VIEW AS DO SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE AT COMMERCE WHO WOULD BE MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING THE AGREEMENTS. SOME OF THE MORE SENIOR PEOPLE AT COMMERCE THINK A PRE-COMMISSION MEETING ON THE AGREEMENTS WOULD STILL BE WORTHWHILE. WE PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENTS BE DISCUSSED FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE COMMISSION MEETING. IF NECESSARY, A US NEGOTIATING TEAM COULD STAY ON FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER SECRETARY KREPS
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DEPARTS, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE CONTINUED IN EARLY 1978. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

2. THE PRC MEETING ON POLAND SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8 WAS CANCELLED, BUT BRZEZINSKI, BERGLAND, CHRISTOPHER, AND JULES KATZ MET THAT DAY TO DISCUSS SOVIET AGRICULTURE.

SOMEHOW THE SUBJECT OF POLAND CAME UP AND THE DECISION WAS
MADE TO GIVE POLAND AN ADDITIONAL 150 MILLION DOLLARS IN
CCC CREDIT. THE POLES WILL BE INFORMED ON NOV. 15. THE
DECISION DOES NOT PRECLUDE STILL MORE CCC CREDIT FOR
POLAND LATER IN FY 78. USDA HAS INITIATED A DETAILED
STUDY OF POLAND'S AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT AND LIKELY NEEDS
OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN
DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO OLSZEWSKI'S PROPOSAL FOR A LONG-
TERM AGREEMENT. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE STUDY
PROCEEDS. VANCE

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